

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

United States of America

vs.

(1) Abel Chicas-Melendez

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AU:25-CR-00107(1)-RP

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

TO: THE HONORABLE ROBERT PITMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The Magistrate Judge submits this Report and Recommendation to the District Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3). The United States District Court referred this case to the United States Magistrate Judge for the taking of the defendant's felony guilty plea and for his allocution pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11.

On March 06, 2025, the defendant and counsel appeared before the Magistrate Judge. The undersigned addressed the defendant personally in open court, informed him of the admonishments under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and determined that he understood those admonishments.

The defendant pled guilty to: illegal re-entry of a deported alien in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. **There is no plea agreement in this case.**

The Magistrate Judge finds the following:

1. The defendant, with the advice of his attorney, consented to enter this guilty plea before the Magistrate Judge, subject to final approval and sentencing by the District Judge;
2. The defendant fully understands the nature of the charges against him and possible penalties;
3. The defendant understands his constitutional and statutory rights, understands his

constitutional and statutory rights can be waived, and understands the meaning and effect of waiving his constitutional and statutory rights;

4. The defendant does not waive his right to appeal;
5. The defendant's plea was made freely and voluntarily;
6. The defendant is competent to enter this guilty plea; and
7. There is a factual basis for this plea.

RECOMMENDATION


The Magistrate Judge **RECOMMENDS** the District Court accept the guilty plea and, after reviewing the presentence investigation report, enter a Final Judgment of guilt against the defendant.

WARNING

The parties may file objections to this Report and Recommendation. A party filing objections must specifically identify those findings or recommendations to which objections are being made. The District Court need not consider frivolous, conclusive, or general objections. *See Battle v. United States Parole Comm'n*, 834 F.2d 419, 421 (5th Cir. 1987).

A party's failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations contained within this Report within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy of the Report shall bar that party from de novo review by the District Court of the proposed findings and recommendations and, except upon grounds of plain error, shall bar the party from appellate review of proposed factual findings and legal conclusions accepted by the District Court to which no objections were filed. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150-53 (1985); *Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1428-29 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc).

SIGNED this 6th day of March, 2025.

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DUSTIN M. HOWELL
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE